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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, US

SUBJECT: PANMUNJOM INCIDENT: ROKG AMBASSADOR'S CALL
ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

1. AT HIS REQUEST, ROKG AMBASSADOR HAHM CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AUGUST 23. SAYING THAT SEOUL WAS ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT THE NEXT DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE FOLLOWING THE NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE IN THE AUGUST 21 MAC MEETING, AMBASSADOR HAHM PROBED FOR HOW LONG DEPLOYMENTS TO KOREA WOULD LAST AND FOR MEANING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S AUGUST 23 PRESS BRIEFING STATEMENT THAT WE REGARDED NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE AS A POSITIVE ONE.

2. THE UNDER SECRETARY CALLED ATTENTION TO DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S FULL EXPLANATION, INCLUDING THE CALLING OF A MAC MEETING AND OUR INTENTION TO INSIST ON ASSURANCES OF SAFETY FOR OUR PERSONNEL IN THE DMZ. HAHM ASKED WHAT WOULD THEN HAPPEN. HABIB REPLIED THAT THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AFTER THE MAC MEETING. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ROKG HAD SAID IT BELIEVED RECEIVING ASSURANCES DESIRABLE. AS FOR THE CURRENT AUGMENTATION OF FORCES IN KOREA, THEY WOULD BE
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BEFORE DISCUSSION WITH THE ROKG. KISSINGER

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